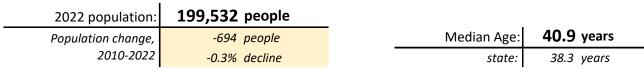
COUNTY PROFILE

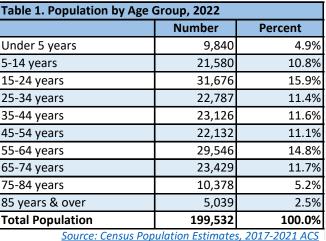
St. Louis Co.

St. Louis Co. is a part of Economic Development Region 3, which is located in the Northeast Planning Region.

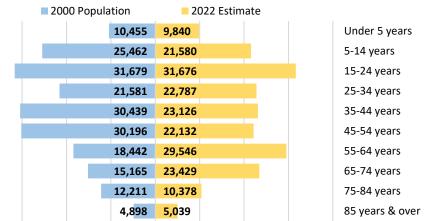
POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS



St. Louis Co. is the 6th largest of the 87 counties in the state. Its population decreased over the past decade, ranking as the 49th fastest growing in the state from 2010 to 2022. St. Louis Co.'s population has an older median age than the state and a larger percentage of people aged 65 years and older. The population is aging, especially as the Baby Boom generation moves through the population pyramid (see Figure 1).







St. Louis Co. suffered a negative natural increase - more deaths than births from 2020 to 2022, but also experienced net in-migration - meaning more people moved in than moved out. In addition to domestic in-migration, St. Louis Co. welcomed net international in-migration - gaining new Minnesotans from foreign countries (see Table 2).

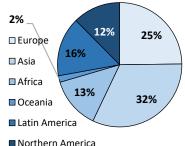
Table 2. Cumulative Estimates of the Components of Population Change, 2020-2022									
	Total		April 1, 2020 to July 1, 2022						
	Population	Natural	Vital E	vents		Net Migration	on		
	Change	Increase	Births	Deaths	Total	International	Domestic		
St. Louis Co.	-691	-1,453	4,025	5,478	602	163	439		
State of Minnesota	10,680	26,917	144,350	117,433	-17,365	20,012	-37,377		

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates Program

Compared to the state, St. Louis Co. has a smaller percentage of foreign-born residents. From 2010 to 2021, St. Louis Co. saw an increase in the number of foreign-born residents, though it was slower than the statewide increase.

Table 3. Place of Birth for the Foreign Born	St. Louis Co.		Change 2	010-2021	Minnesota		
Population, 2021	Number	Percent	Number	Number Percent		Change	
Foreign-born Population	4,245	2.1%	455	12.0%	8.5%	30.6%	
Europe	1,053	24.8%	-40	-3.7%	9.4%	0.3%	
Asia	1,370	32.3%	135	10.9%	37.0%	30.2%	
Africa	568	13.4%	308	118.5%	27.8%	89.8%	
Oceania	72	1.7%	45	166.7%	0.4%	17.8%	
Americas:	1,182	27.8%	7	0.6%	25.4%	6.8%	
Latin America	655	15.4%	169	34.8%	23.0%	8.5%	
Northern America	527	12.4%	-162	-23.5%	2.5%	-6.7%	

Figure 2. Place of Birth for the Foreign Born Population, 2021



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2017-2021 American Community Survey

St. Louis Co.'s population was becoming more racially diverse over time. Since 2011, the county's white population declined, but the number of people of other races increased (see Table 4).

Figure 3. Population by Race, 2021

- White
- Black or African American
- American Indian
- Asian
- Some Other Race
- Two or More Races



		St. Louis C	Minnesota		
Table 4. Race and Hispanic Origin, 2021	Number	Percent	Change from 2011-2021	Percent	Change from 2011-2021
Total	200,311	100.0%	0.2%	100.0%	7.4%
White	183,035	91.4%	-1.8%	80.7%	0.4%
Black or African American	3,252	1.6%	16.0%	6.6%	42.2%
American Indian or Alaska Native	3,623	1.8%	-22.2%	0.9%	-8.0%
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	2,195	1.1%	14.1%	5.0%	35.8%
Some Other Race	906	0.5%	69.0%	2.1%	66.5%
Two or More Races	7,300	3.6%	101.9%	4.6%	121.8%
Hispanic or Latino origin	3,716	1.9%	49.5%	5.6%	31.6%

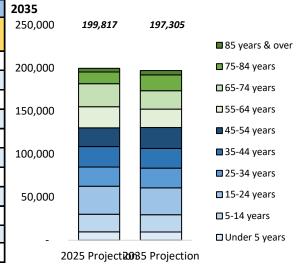
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2017-2021 American Community Survey

POPULATION PROJECTIONS

According to the Minnesota State Demographic Center, St. Louis Co.'s population is expected to decline from 2025 to 2035, with a rate of change that is slower than the projected statewide growth rate (4.5%). Despite the decline, the number of people aged 65 years and older is expected to increase over the next decade (see Figure 4 and Table 5).

Table 5. Population Projections by Age Group, 2025-2035 2035 Numeric 2025 Percent St. Louis Co. **Projection Projection** Change Change Under 5 years 9,735 9,541 -194 -2.0% 20,090 -420 5-14 years 20,510 -2.0% 15-24 years 32,475 31,234 -1,241 -3.8% 526 25-34 years 22,436 22,962 2.3% 35-44 years 23,773 22.887 -886 -3.7% 2,464 11.3% 45-54 years 21,819 24,283 55-64 years 24.453 21,518 -2,935 -12.0% 65-74 years 26,754 21,340 -5,414 -20.2% 75-84 years 13,543 18,310 4,767 35.2% 85 years & over 4,319 5,140 821 19.0% **Total Population** 199,817 197,305 -2,512 -1.3%

Figure 4. Projections by Age Group, 2025-



Source: Minnesota State Demographic Center

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

St. Louis Co. has a higher percentage of adults (18 years & over) with at least a high school diploma than the state (92.8%), and a higher percentage of people with at least some college experience. St. Louis Co. also has a higher percentage of people with an Associate's degree and a lower percentage of people with a Bachelor's degree or higher.

68.0%

Percentage of the adult population (18 years & over) with at least a high school diploma:

94.2%

state:

9% 6% 19% 25% 68.7% 13% 28%

Figure 5. Educational Attainment, 2021

☐ Less than high school

☐ High school graduate (incl. equiv.)

■ Some college, no degree

Associate's degree

■ Bachelor's degree ■ Advanced degree

Associate's Degree: 12.5% Bachelor's Degree: 18.8% Advanced Degree: 9.3%

College-educated:

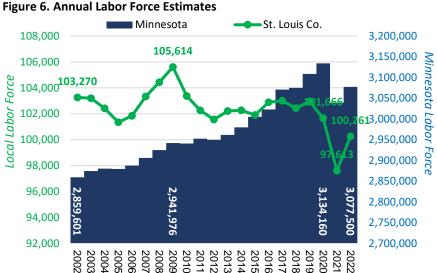
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2017-2021 American Community Survey

LABOR FORCE TRENDS

At 3.3%, St. Louis Co. had a higher unemployment rate than the state in 2022. After the pandemic recession St. Louis Co.'s unemployment rate decreased compared to 7.4% in 2020, and declined compared to the 4.3% prepandemic rate posted in 2019. The number of unemployed workers actively seeking work in St. Louis Co. declined over the past year, and is down compared to 2019.



3,309 unemployed workers



Source: DEED Local Area Unemployment Statistics

Labor force growth has slowed in recent years. After experiencing a net gain of 981.7 workers each year from 1990 to 2000, St. Louis Co. averaged an annual loss of -15.3 fewer workers from 2000 to 2010, and most recently a loss of -170.8 fewer workers since 2010 (see Figure 7). Moving forward, St. Louis Co. is expected to see a labor force decline from 2025 to 2035 (see Table 6).

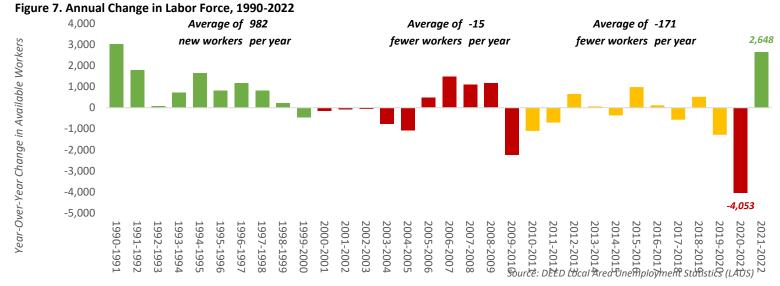
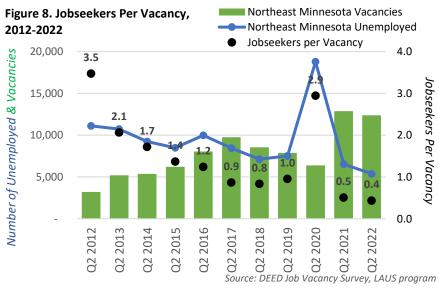


Table 6. Labor Force	Labor Force Projection				
Projections, 2025-2035	2025 2035				
16 to 24 years	20,175	19,745			
25 to 54 years	57,979	59,724			
55 to 64 years	15,303	13,466			
65 years & over	6,253	5,466			
Total Labor Force	99,710	98,401			

Source: Minnesota State Demographic Center, 2017-2021 ACS

The labor market had grown extremely tight in recent years, with less than 1 jobseeker per vacancy until the pandemic recession intervened in early 2020 and the number of unemployed workers spiked. Job vacancies in Northeast reached new highs in the 4th quarter of 2021, quickly bringing back challenges in finding new workers and 2022 showed the lowest jobseeker-per-vacancy ratio on record (see Figure 8).



LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS

St. Louis Co. had a lower labor force participation rate than the state. The labor force in St. Louis Co. is less racially diverse than the state (where 82.6% of workers are white alone), but is becoming more diverse over time.

Table 7. Employment Characteristics, 2	2021						
	St	. Louis Co.		Minne	esota	Labor Force	by Gender
	In Labor Force (available workers)	Labor Force Partic. Rate	Unemp. Rate	Labor Force Partic. Rate	Unemp. Rate	Male	Female
Total Labor Force	102,643	61.5%	4.9%	69.2%	4.0%	53,761	48,835
16 to 19 years	6,218	51.0%	7.9%	52.3%	10.7%	3,148	3,067
20 to 24 years	14,119	79.6%	7.2%	83.3%	6.7%	6,903	7,222
25 to 44 years	39,681	86.1%	4.7%	88.8%	3.6%	21,532	18,149
45 to 54 years	18,530	83.4%	3.9%	87.6%	3.0%	9,815	8,710
55 to 64 years	18,562	62.6%	3.2%	73.1%	3.2%	9,229	9,332
65 to 74 years	4,680	19.9%	4.4%	28.0%	3.2%	2,665	2,021
75 years & over	805	5.2%	10.7%	6.6%	2.9%	469	334
Employment Characteristics by Race &	k Hispanic Origin					Figure 9. La	abor Force by
White alone	95,219	61.6%	4.5%	68.5%	3.4%	Race, 2021	
Black or African American	1,274	53.3%	19.8%	71.9%	8.6%		
American Indian & Alaska Native	1,487	50.3%	13.8%	57.4%	12.9%		
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	1,271	69.5%	4.0%	72.7%	4.1%		\
Some Other Race	491	74.8%	0.4%	75.8%	6.2%		W
Two or More Races	2,793	62.2%	8.3%	74.1%	7.3%		
Hispanic or Latino	1,715	69.4%	9.1%	77.0%	6.6%		
Employment Characteristics by Disabil	lity						
With Any Disability	6,524	45.6%	9.8%	53.6%	9.9%		92.8%
Employment Characteristics by Educat	tional Attainment						
Population, 25 to 64 years	76,809	78.4%	4.2%	84.4%	3.4%	White a	
Less than H.S. Diploma	2,451	51.0%	6.0%	66.6%	4.6%		African American
H.S. Diploma or Equivalent	14,979	68.1%	2.8%	77.3%	2.5%		n Indian & Alaska N
Some College or Assoc. Degree	31,318	79.1%	3.9%	85.1%	3.6%		Other Pac. Islander
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	28,040	88.8%	2.1%	90.3%	2.1%	■ Some O	ther Race

Source: 2017-2021 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates

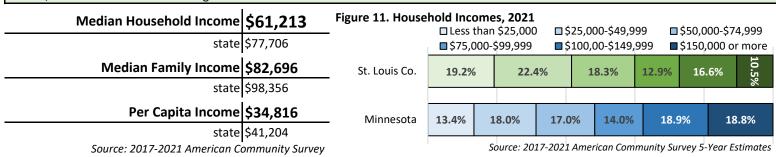
Two or More Races

A larger percentage of workers in St. Louis Co. worked in the same county in which they live compared to the state. St. Louis Co. also had a shorter average commute time than the state.

	St. Louis	Co.	Minn	esota	Figure 10. Time	_	ome to	
Table 8. Commuting Characteristics, 2021	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	go to Work, 20			
Worked in state of residence	91,276	95.4%	2,858,636	97.7%	■ St. Lo		■ Minnes	
Worked in county of residence	85,918	89.8%	1,922,337	65.7%	ĺ	%	20%	40%
Worked out of county of residence	5,262	5.5%	933,372	31.9%	12:00 a.m. to			
Worked outside state of residence	4,401	4.6%	67,296	2.3%		3.5% 4.6%		
MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK					1	4.070		
Car, truck, or van	82,091	85.8%	2,387,561	81.6%	5:00 a.m. to 5:59 a.m.	8.8%		
Public transportation (excl. taxicab)	1,435	1.5%	81,926	2.8%		9.1%	6	
Other method (walk, bike, taxi, etc.)	5,167	5.4%	122,889	4.2%	6:00 a.m. to 6:59		19.4%	
Worked at home	6,889	7.2%	333,556	11.4%	a.m.		19.4%	
TRAVEL TIME TO WORK					7:00 a.m. to 7:59			
Less than 10 minutes	20,284	21.2%	465,223	15.9%				29.3% 29.0%
10 to 19 minutes	37,888	39.6%	895,335	30.6%	1			29.0%
20 to 29 minutes	18,083	18.9%	649,557	22.2%		1	3.2%	
30 to 44 minutes	12,055	12.6%	567,631	19.4%	a.m.		14.5%	
45 to 59 minutes	2,966	3.1%	190,186	6.5%	9:00 a.m. to			704
60 or more minutes	4,305	4.5%	158,000	5.4%	11:59 p.m.		25	.7% %
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	19.9	minutes	23.5	minutes				

INCOMES, COST OF LIVING, & HOUSING

St. Louis Co. had a lower median household income than the state, and a higher percentage of households with incomes below \$50,000. Overall, St. Louis Co. had the 55th highest median household income of the 87 counties in the state.



The cost of living has increased over the past 2 years with costs up in many areas. St. Louis Co. had a lower cost of living than the state, with a required hourly wage of \$14.02 for a single person living alone to meet a basic needs cost of living, and an hourly wage requirement of \$16.49 for a typical family with 2 adults and 1 child (see Table 9).

Table 9. Basic Needs Cost of Living Estimates, 2022									
	Single Yearly	early Hourly Wage Monthly Costs							
Single Adult, 0 children	Cost of Living		Child Care	Food	Health Care	Housing	Trans- portation	Other	Taxes
St. Louis Co.	\$29,159	\$14.02	\$0	\$353	\$152	\$689	\$638	\$285	\$313
State of Minnesota	\$33,708	\$16.21	\$0	\$359	\$157	\$903	\$663	\$345	\$382
Typical Family: 2 Adults (1	Family Yearly	Hourly Wage			N	onthly Co	sts		
working full-time, 1 part-	Cost of Living		Child Care	Food	Health	Housing	Trans-	Other	Taxes
time), 1 child	Cost of Living	Required	Ciliu Care	Food	Care	nousing	portation	Other	Taxes
St. Louis Co.	\$51,455	\$16.49	\$382	\$808	\$538	\$911	\$741	\$471	\$437
State of Minnesota	\$60,540	\$19.40	\$579	\$822	\$561	\$1,151	\$772	\$540	\$620

Source: DEED Cost of Living tool

St. Louis Co. had a lower median house value than the state, having the 50th highest value of the 87 counties in 2021. St. Louis Co.'s housing stock was older than the state's, with a lower percentage of units built since 2000 (see Figure 12).

Table 10. Estimated Value of Owner-	St. Louis Co.		Minnesota
occupied Housing Units, 2021	Total	Percent	Percent
Total	61,569	100.0%	100.0%
Less than \$50,000	4,385	7.1%	4.3%
\$50,000 to \$99,999	10,710	17.4%	6.1%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	11,356	18.4%	9.5%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	10,753	17.5%	14.8%
\$200,000 to \$299,999	12,477	20.3%	28.7%
\$300,000 to \$499,999	9,005	14.6%	26.4%
\$500,000 or more	2,883	4.7%	10.2%
Median (dollars)	\$166,900		\$250,200

Source: 2017-2021 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates

Figure 12. Year Structure Built, 2021 20% 40% 0% 30% St. Louis Co. Minnesota 2010 or later 2000 to 2009 13.4% 1980 to 1999 22.3% 1960 to 1979 24.1% 20.0% 1940 to 1959 14.1% 28.7% 1939 or earlier 15.9%

> Figure 13. Housing Costs as a Percentage of Income, 2021

> > 15.2%

39.3%

mortgage

25.4%

11.6% 54.7%

rent

10.9%10.9%

Median monthly owner costs, owner-occupied units with a mortgage

Percentage of households with a mortgage spending 30% or more of their income on housing costs

Median monthly rent costs \$849

Percentage of renters spending 30% or more of their household income on rent

state | 45.4%

Less than 20% 25.0% to 29.9%

15.2%

20% to 24.9% 30.0% to 34.9%

■ 35% or more

9.2%

Source: 2017-2021 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates

OCCUPATIONS

At \$22.57 in 2023, wages were lower in Region 3 than the state. Overall, Region 3 had the 6th highest median hourly wage level of the 13 economic development regions in the state. Wages were highest for management occupations (\$42.6) and lowest for food preparation and serving related jobs (\$14.05) (see Table 11).

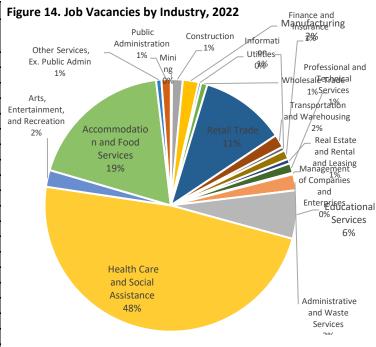
Table 11. Occupational Employment & Wage Statistics, 20	23						
		Regio	n 3	State of Minnesota			
Occupational Group	Median Hourly Wage	Estimated Regional Jobs	Share of Total Jobs	Regional Location Quotient	Median Hourly Wage	State-wide Jobs	Share of Total Jobs
Total, All Occupations	\$22.57	136,490	100.0%	1.0	\$24.25	2,827,310	100.0%
Management	\$42.60	7,720	5.7%	0.8	\$51.58	193,760	6.9%
Business & Financial Operations	\$32.03	5,910	4.3%	0.6	\$38.19	201,940	7.1%
Computer & Mathematical	\$39.38	2,150	1.6%	0.4	\$49.73	99,250	3.5%
Architecture & Engineering	\$38.75	2,340	1.7%	0.9	\$40.60	53,100	1.9%
Life, Physical & Social Science	\$32.18	1,680	1.2%	1.2	\$39.37	29,070	1.0%
Community & Social Service	\$24.43	4,310	3.2%	1.6	\$25.82	54,820	1.9%
Legal	\$41.44	530	0.4%	0.6	\$47.87	18,730	0.7%
Education, Training & Library	\$25.02	8,450	6.2%	1.1	\$24.82	158,830	5.6%
Arts, Design, Entertainment & Media	\$23.52	1,280	0.9%	0.7	\$28.80	37,630	1.3%
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	\$37.53	11,460	8.4%	1.3	\$41.07	186,700	6.6%
Healthcare Support	\$17.05	9,180	6.7%	1.2	\$17.40	162,400	5.7%
Protective Service	\$25.66	3,020	2.2%	1.5	\$25.83	40,620	1.4%
Food Preparation & Serving Related	\$14.05	13,630	10.0%	1.3	\$14.89	216,970	7.7%
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	\$16.29	4,560	3.3%	1.2	\$18.26	76,210	2.7%
Personal Care & Service	\$15.33	3,110	2.3%	1.1	\$16.96	58,120	2.1%
Sales & Related	\$15.06	11,540	8.5%	1.0	\$18.14	239,500	8.5%
Office & Administrative Support	\$20.75	16,030	11.7%	1.0	\$23.06	345,830	12.2%
Farming, Fishing & Forestry	\$23.49	240	0.2%	1.2	\$19.84	4,060	0.1%
Construction & Extraction	\$30.65	6,950	5.1%	1.3	\$31.00	113,930	4.0%
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	\$29.17	6,400	4.7%	1.3	\$27.95	98,670	3.5%
Production	\$22.97	6,640	4.9%	0.7	\$22.07	209,380	7.4%
Transportation & Material Moving	\$19.53	9,370	6.9%	0.9	\$19.80	227,780	8.1%

Source: DEED Occupational Employment & Wage Statistics, Qtr. 1 2023

JOB VACANCY SURVEY

St. Louis Co. is a part of the Northeast planning region. There were 12388 job vacancies posted by employers in 2022, indicating extensive opportunity in the region, with openings across several occupations and industries (see Figure 14).

Table 12. Northeast Job Vacancy Survey Results, 2022						
	Number of					
Occupational Group	Vacancies	Wage Offer				
Total, All Occupations	12,388	\$17.36				
Management	422					
Business & Financial Operations	273	\$24.50				
Computer & Mathematical	65	702.00				
Architecture & Engineering	139					
Life, Physical & Social Sciences	26	\$30.85				
Community & Social Service	862	\$23.99				
Education, Training & Library	507					
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	1,703					
Healthcare Support	1,920	\$14.98				
Protective Service	165	\$16.15				
Food Preparation & Serving Related	1,974					
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	509	\$15.29				
Personal Care & Service	371	\$14.87				
Sales & Related	776					
Office & Administrative Support	591	\$17.71				
Construction & Extraction	214	, -				
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	652	\$19.19				
Production	300					
Transportation & Material Moving	799	\$16.76				



Source: DEED Job Vacancy Survey, 2022

OCCUPATIONS IN DEMAND

Table 13. Northeast Occupa	tions in Demand, 2022		
Less than High School	High School or Equivalent	Some College or Assoc. Deg.	Bachelor's Degree or Higher
Home Health and Personal Care Aides	Nursing Assistants	Registered Nurses	General and Operations Managers
\$29,059/yr	\$34,934/yr	\$71,527/yr	\$82,813/yr
Retail Salespersons	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational	Police and Sheriff?s Patrol	Substance abuse, behavioral
\$27,928/yr	Nurses \$46,062/yr	Officers \$68,848/yr	disorder, and mental health \$46,520/yr
Fast Food and Counter	340,002/ ¥1	Clinical Laboratory Technologists	Project Management Specialists
Workers	Medical Assistants	and Technicians	and Business Operations
\$24,821/yr	\$44,148/yr	\$54,551/yr	\$58,224/yr
Janitors and Cleaners,	Automotive Service Technicians and	Dental Hygienists	Market Research Analysts and
Except Maids and \$33,764/yr	Mechanics \$41,697/yr	\$68,382/yr	Marketing Specialists \$74,453/yr
First-Line Supervisors of	Hairdressers, Hairstylists, and	Radiologic Technologists and	Elementary School Teachers,
Retail Sales Workers	Cosmetologists	Technicians	Except Special Education
\$42,031/yr	\$26,724/yr	\$65,405/yr	\$63,606/yr
Waiters and Waitresses	Industrial Machinery Mechanics	Surgical Technologists	Accountants and Auditors
\$25,400/yr	\$71,496/yr	\$61,239/yr	\$65,351/yr
Customer Service	Electricians	Forest and Conservation	Child, Family, and School Social
Representatives	Liectifcialis	Technicians	Workers
\$37,099/yr	\$70,377/yr	\$45,122/yr	\$54,240/yr
Social and Human Service	Dental Assistants	Civil Engineering Technologists	Medical and Health Services
Assistants		and Technicians	Managers
\$36,487/yr	\$48,991/yr	\$62,085/yr	\$89,809/yr
Cooks, Restaurant	Emergency Medical Technicians and	Computer Network Support	Secondary School Teachers, Except
cooks, Nestadiant	Paramedics	Specialists	Special and Career/Technical
\$31,373/yr	\$34,526/yr	\$63,126/yr	\$60,603/yr
Maids and Housekeeping	Medical Dosimetrists, Medical Records	Respiratory Therapists	Pharmacists
Cleaners	Specialists, and Health Technologists and	. , , ,	
\$28,288/yr	\$48,463/yr	\$66,575/yr	\$140,415/yr

Source: DEED Occupations in Demand

St. Louis Co. is a part of the Northeast planning region, which is projected to see a 5.5% increase in employment levels over the next decade. In addition to new jobs created, there will be a much larger number of exit openings (see Figure 15).

Table 14. Regional Industry Employment Pr	ojections, 2020	-2030	
Northeast Planning Region	Estimated Employment 2020	Projected Employ- ment 2030	Percent Change 2020-2030
Total, All Industries	148,527	156,642	5.5%
Natural Resources & Mining	4,938	5,018	1.6%
Utilities	1,295	1,097	-15.3%
Construction	6,111	6,368	4.2%
Manufacturing	8,329	8,166	-2.0%
Wholesale Trade	3,122	3,127	0.2%
Retail Trade	16,275	15,391	-5.4%
Transportation & Warehousing	4,783	4,977	4.1%
Information	1,145	1,210	5.7%
Finance & Insurance, Real Estate	5,760	5,883	2.1%
Professional Services & Mgmt. of Compani	5,359	5,695	6.3%
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt.	2,916	3,095	6.1%
Educational Services	11,884	12,440	4.7%
Health Care & Social Assistance	32,183	35,151	9.2%
Leisure & Hospitality	14,347	17,531	22.2%
Other Services	5,703	6,304	10.5%
Public Administration	14,780	15,572	5.4%

Source: DEED 2020-2030 Employment Outlook

Figure 15. Regional Occupational Employment Projections, 2020-2030

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■ From employment growth ■ From exit openings				
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Management Occupations	577	2, 535		
Business and Financial	326	1 ,713		
Computer and	209	442		
Architecture and	91	623		
Life, Physical, and Social	71	369		
Community and Social	465	1 ,799		
Legal Occupations	45	200		
Educational Instruction and	657	3,631		
Arts, Design,	184	859		
Healthcare Practitioners	961	3,2 84		
Healthcare Support	1,290	6,744		
Protective Service	249	1,403		
Food Preparation and	2,06	7 9,637		
Building and Grounds	526	3,401		
Personal Care and Service	524	2,9 66		
Sales and Related	-59	0 7,506		
Office and Administrative	-465 I	7,812		
Farming, Fishing, and	181	290		
Construction and Extraction	276	2, 492		
Installation, Maintenance,	199	2, 286		
Production Occupations	-241 l	2, 588		
Transportation and	513	4,567		
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ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS

Coming out of the pandemic recession, after gaining jobs over the past year, St. Louis Co. had the 6th largest economy of the 87 counties in the state. St. Louis Co. was the 46th fastest growing in the past year and the 70th fastest growing since 2019. From 2019 to 2022, employment in St. Louis Co. is still down from the pandemic recession.

5,492 business establishments \$56,527 annual average wage

92,886 jobs \$5,250,555,019 total industry payroll

Job change, 2019-2022 -5.6% decline

Figure 16. Industry Employment Statistics, 2007-2022

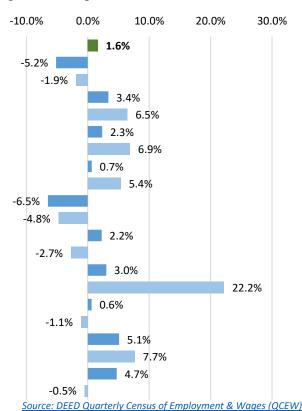


2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022

Source: DEED QCEW program

			Average
Table 15. St. Louis Co. Industry	Number of	Percent of	Annual
Employment Statistics, 2022	Jobs	Total Jobs	Wage
Total, All Industries	92,886	100.0%	\$56,527
Agriculture, Forestry, Fish & Hunt	147	0.2%	\$34,005
Mining	3,310	3.6%	\$125,341
Construction	4,835	5.2%	\$73,456
Manufacturing	5,035	5.4%	\$62,884
Utilities	916	1.0%	\$104,745
Wholesale Trade	1,971	2.1%	\$69,478
Retail Trade	11,034	11.9%	\$33,460
Transportation & Warehousing	2,801	3.0%	\$64,668
Information	821	0.9%	\$50,537
Finance & Insurance	2,509	2.7%	\$73,405
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	1,000	1.1%	\$41,189
Professional & Technical Services	3,914	4.2%	\$77,118
Management of Companies	685	0.7%	\$97,584
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Svcs.	1,970	2.1%	\$35,122
Educational Services	7,469	8.0%	\$53,929
Health Care & Social Assistance	24,002	25.8%	\$64,076
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	2,083	2.2%	\$26,452
Accommodation & Food Services	9,248	10.0%	\$21,347
Other Services	3,204	3.4%	\$33,675
Public Administration	5,928	6.4%	\$62,379

Figure 17. Change in Jobs, 2021-2022



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